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Treatment of Cancer and Bone Loss Associated with
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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated February 12, 2003 in which Claims 41-58 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 and 112. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are requested.

REMARKS

The Claims

Claims 41-58 are currently pending in the application and are directed to methods of preventing or treating bone loss or preventing abnormal bone formation associated with cancer comprising administering an OPG polypeptide or a truncated OPG polypeptide and a cancer therapy agent.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112

Claims 41-46, 48, 49, and 53-58 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as the specification is allegedly not enabled for the full scope of the claims. The Examiner's reasoning is as follows:

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